

Suiguinio, Province of Blacan, P. I., Feb. 27 .- Jose Serapio, an uncle of Aguinaldo and formerly and insurgent colonel, has been appointed governor af Balacan province. There were several candidates, including two army officers, but the United States commis-Serapio who surrendered during Gen. Lawton's progress northward and who has since been such a consistent friend of the United States that Aguinaldo published an order degrading his uncle. There were many protests against Serapio's appointment, chiefly from a delegation which represented the interests of the friars. The committee announced that it had investigated the found them to he untrue. Capt. Greenough, of the Forty-first rtgiment, was appointed treasurer and Lieutenant Wells of the Thirty-second regiment, was appointed supervisor. The other officials appointed were natives. All the appointments practically were made on Gen. Grant's recommendations. Although by reputation Bulacan is not the easiest province to govern, all the local leaders and most of the inhabitants are now friendly to the United States. The question of the selection of a canital for the province was submitted to the vote of the delegations. Malolos, the former seat of the insurgent congress, is the best town but Balacan has always been the seat of the government and was easily first. The ballot was the first free voting in the Philippines excepting at the town elections held under military orders. The delegates enjoyed it immensely. Judge Taft in admonishing the delegates said that since they had the reputation of being gamesters they must abide by the result and show their capability of abiding by the suffrage. During the course of his speech announcing the appointments Judge Taft said nowhere had a military commander shown such benevolent consideration for the interest of the people as had Gen. Grant. The appointment of a native governor indicated the commission's confidence in Tagalogs.

Havana, Feb. 27.-The constitutional convention was in session until early this morning finishing up the question of the relations of Cuba with the United States. The result was announced at the meeting today. The sion were unanimously in favor of convention considers that the relations that might exist between Cuba and the United States, are in part as follows (provided the future Cuban government thinks them advisable): Cuba will make no treaties or arrangements. with any foreign power which limits the independence of Cuba. She will not permit her territory to serve as a basis for operations in war against the United States nor against any other allegations made against Serapio and country Cuba accepts in its entirety the tresty of Paris and will recognize as legally valid the acts of the military government. Reciprocity is favored as the basis of commercial relations.

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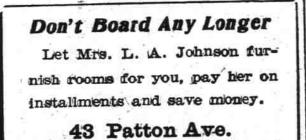
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Amendments providing that acts of the Philippine officials shall conform with the constitution, declaring it the purpose of the United States to retain permanent control of the islands, requiring officials to take the oath to passengers on the steamship Havana, support the constitution and other amendments of a similar nature were rejected in quick succession.

uate this infamy and are so cowardly that they will not listen to facts."

The Spooner amendment was then adopted 45 to 27 and the Cuban amendment taken up. A number of amendments were offered but they were summarily voted down. The Cuban amend. ment was agreed to 20 to 43 and the bill passed 43 to 18.

The senate adjourned at 1 a. m. after a continuous session of fourteen hours. With the adoption of the Spooner and Platt amendments the fear of an extra sesion was removed.

Washington, Feb. 27 .- At the open ing of today's session of the senate, Mr. Lodge favorably reported from the committee on Philippines Mr. Pettigrew's resolution ordering a reprint of the instructions and papers sent to the Paris peace commission so as to include an important telegram which had been omitted from the original print. Mr. Lodge said the omitted telegram had been sent to the public printer with the other papers, but he could not say why it had not appeared in its proper place. The resolution was adopt-

A joint resolution confering authority upon the commissioners of the District of Columbia to provide for the public comfort during the approaching inaugural ceremonies was adopted.

Mr. Perkin presented the conference report on the fortifications appropriation bill and it was agreed to. The most important action of the conferees was upon the amendment providing for the purchase of land on Cushings island.

Senator Cullum today gave notice of an amendment he will propose to the sundry civil appropriation bill providing for a revenue cutter for Hawaiian waters at a cost not to exceed \$250,000. Senator Teller discussed the two controverted questions-the Pihlippine and Cuban amendments. He regarded the Philippine amendment as much improved by the amendment offered by Mr. Hoar, but to his mind, it still was objectionable. Tht Cuban amendment was much stronger and much better than the public press had conveyed the impression it would be, but he had some reservations in his approval of it. Mr. Pettigrew debating the Philippine amendment read letters and papers concerning the connection of Lieut Col. Hestand of the adjutant general's office with a proposed company to con-

WITHDRAWAL FROM CUBA

New York, Feb. 27 .- Several of the have to get back there pretty quick to which has just arrived from Havana, express the opinion that Cuba is not in a political condition to receive her independence. Joseph Howard, the journalist, said:

"If the United States tries to leave Cuba next June, as is talked of, they II

CUDAHY KIDNAPPERS **OFFER TO RETURN MONEY**

Chicago, Fieb. 27 .- A special to the Post from Omaha, Neb., says: Edward A. Cudahy has received a letter from the men who kidmapped his son offering to return \$20,000 of the ransom money on condition that all detectives be withdrawn and that no attempt be made to prosecute the abductors should their identity be discovered. It is understood that the letter was mailed at Council Bluffs.

E. A. Cudahy was called up by telephone and interrogated regarding the contents of the Chicago despatch stating that the kidnappers had sought to compromise. He admitted he received such a letter and said it had been received in Omaha and forwarded to him in Chicago.

BOTHA SURRENDERED? HAS

London, Feb. 28 .- There has been gossip for several days that Kitchener would meet Botha Wednesday and discuss the question of the latter's surrender. It was impossible to trace the rumor tonits source or procure any confirmation. The Chronicle this morning

we have every reason to believe is trustworthy a report that Botha surrendered to Kitchener."

PACIFICATION OF LUZON-

Manila, Feb. 27 .- Numerous former insurgents and others continue to take the oath of allegiane at various points on the island of Luzon. Five hundred and eighty-four persons took the oath at Calamba.

VADERLIP'S SUCCESSOR.

Washington, Feb. 27 .- The president today nominated Milton E. Aisles, of Ohio, to be assistant secretary of the

avert a state of anarchy, which would undoubtedly follow their withdrawal. Capital is apprehensive. Everything is dull, as everyone is awaiting the trend of events. There is no trade. All is waiting. The theaters only open spasmodically, Americans and capitalists want the retention of United States troops."

BUILDING WALL FALLS BURYING WORKMEN

New York, Feb. 27 .- A building wall under construction at 333 West 19th street collapsed early today. Four men were buried under the ruins and 'two killed. The collapse, it is believed, was due to weak foundations. Over a hundred men were immediately put at work to rescue the bodies buried under the huge mass of brick, timber and iron.

One of the dead men was named Caleb. The other has not yet been identified. The injured are Stefano Golidato and Francisco Timmorene. Goldato was ouried in the stone and mortar up to the waist and a surgeon administered stimulants to him while firemen and laborers dug to get him free. It took half an hour's work to get the man out He was taken to a hospital.

FIRE IN NEW YORK'S

FINE COURT BUILDINGS New York, Fleb. 27 .- The magnificent criminal court building located at Center and Franklin strets, was damaged by fire boday. The north-west corner, from the floor to the roofs was burned. The fire started in a store room in the attic and the entire building for a time was threatened. Recorder Goff was charging a jury when the fire was discovered. He immediately dismissed the jury and all parties. The other courts had just adjourned. The grand jury was forced to adjourn. Many prisoners who were in the building were removed to the

tombs. The stone floor and tile roof acted as a check to the flames.

Memphis, Feb. 27 .- The committee appointed to invite President McKinley to visit Memphis during the Confederate reunion May 28, 29, and 30, left for Washington this morning. The committee includes representatives of the city government, commercial bodies,

OLDEST FRAGMENT OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

TO VISIT MEMPHIS Discovery of an Alleged Part of the Original Gospel of St. Matthew. Boston, Feb. 27 .- Rev. Dr. William C. inslow, of this city, vice president of the Egyption exploration fund, today announced the uiscovery of a most valuable trophy among the large number of papyri recently received by him. It

TO HOLD CHINA FIRM TO ITS OBLIGATIONS

Pekin, Feb. 27 .- A brigade of English cavalry and a brigade of infantry has been ordered to hold themselves in readiness for operation If the Chinese government proves recalcitrant in carrying out the demands of the powers not yet complied with. Replying to a protest by Rockhill against the seizure of private propert for a legation quarter, other ministers say they do not intend to confiscate property. They propose to have an honest valuation on property and inform the Chinese government it must pay for it.

BRI ISH CAPTIVES.

London, Feb. 27 .- Gen. Kitchener telegraphing from Middleburg in the ransvaal, on the railroad between Pretoria and Portuguese East Africa, under date of February 27, says:

"The following additional captures are reported by French up to Feb. 25: Three hundred Boers surrendered. One 19-pounder Krupp.

One howitzer. TITI A Maxim.

20,000 rounds of small arm ammunition. 153 rifles.

388 horses, 834 trek oxen, 5,600 cattle,

.800 sheep. 267 wagons and carts.

The Boer's casualties were four killed and five wounded.

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publishes the following. We have received from a quarter that